

House Resolution 1418

By: Representative O'Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Patrick O'Neal; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick O'Neal has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for his
3 leadership in the field of medicine, his compassionate treatment of his patients, and his deep
4 concern for the well-being of others; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Rome, Georgia, Dr. O'Neal diligently and conscientiously dedicates
6 his time, talents, and expertise to the citizens of Georgia as the director of the Division of
7 Emergency Preparedness & Response of the Georgia Department of Community Health; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. O'Neal earned a bachelor's degree from Davidson College, a medical degree
9 from Tulane University School of Medicine, and completed an internship at Providence
10 Hospital in Portland, Oregon; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
12 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously serving as a flight surgeon in Vietnam; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. O'Neal served as director of the Outpatient Clinic at the Medical Center of
14 Central Georgia for two years before entering the practice of emergency medicine at DeKalb
15 Medical Center in 1973; and

16 WHEREAS, he practiced emergency medicine for 29 years at DeKalb Medical Center,
17 serving as the facility's medical director for EMS and as the regional medical director for
18 EMS throughout the Greater Atlanta area; and

19 WHEREAS, in his current position as director of the Division of Emergency Preparedness
20 & Response, Dr. O'Neal traveled throughout this state implementing trauma networks and
21 ensuring facilities were prepared for possible local H1N1 outbreaks.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Dr. Patrick O'Neal for his outstanding contributions to
24 the field of emergency medicine and recognize his selfless, efficient, and effective public
25 service to the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Patrick O'Neal.